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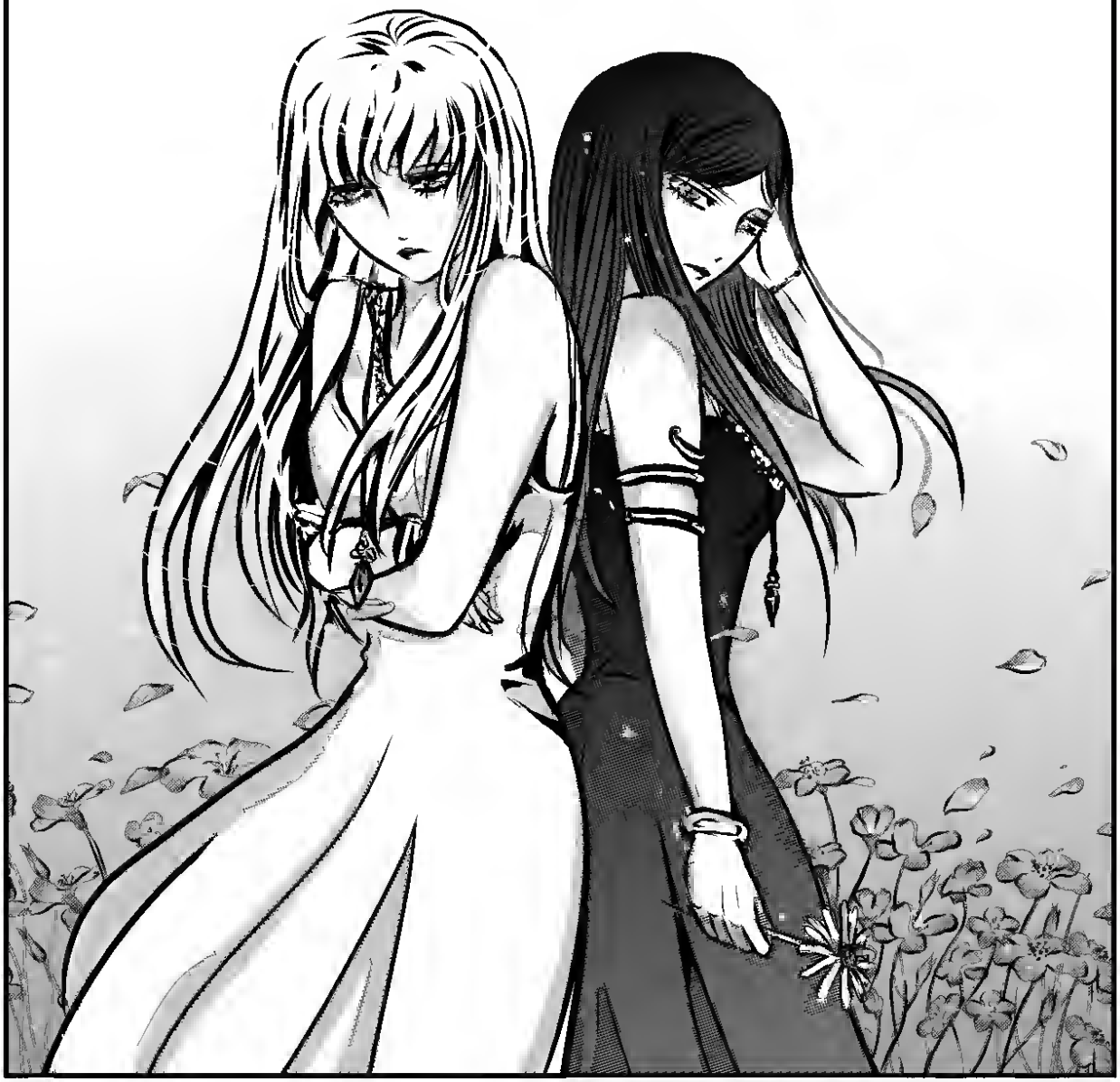
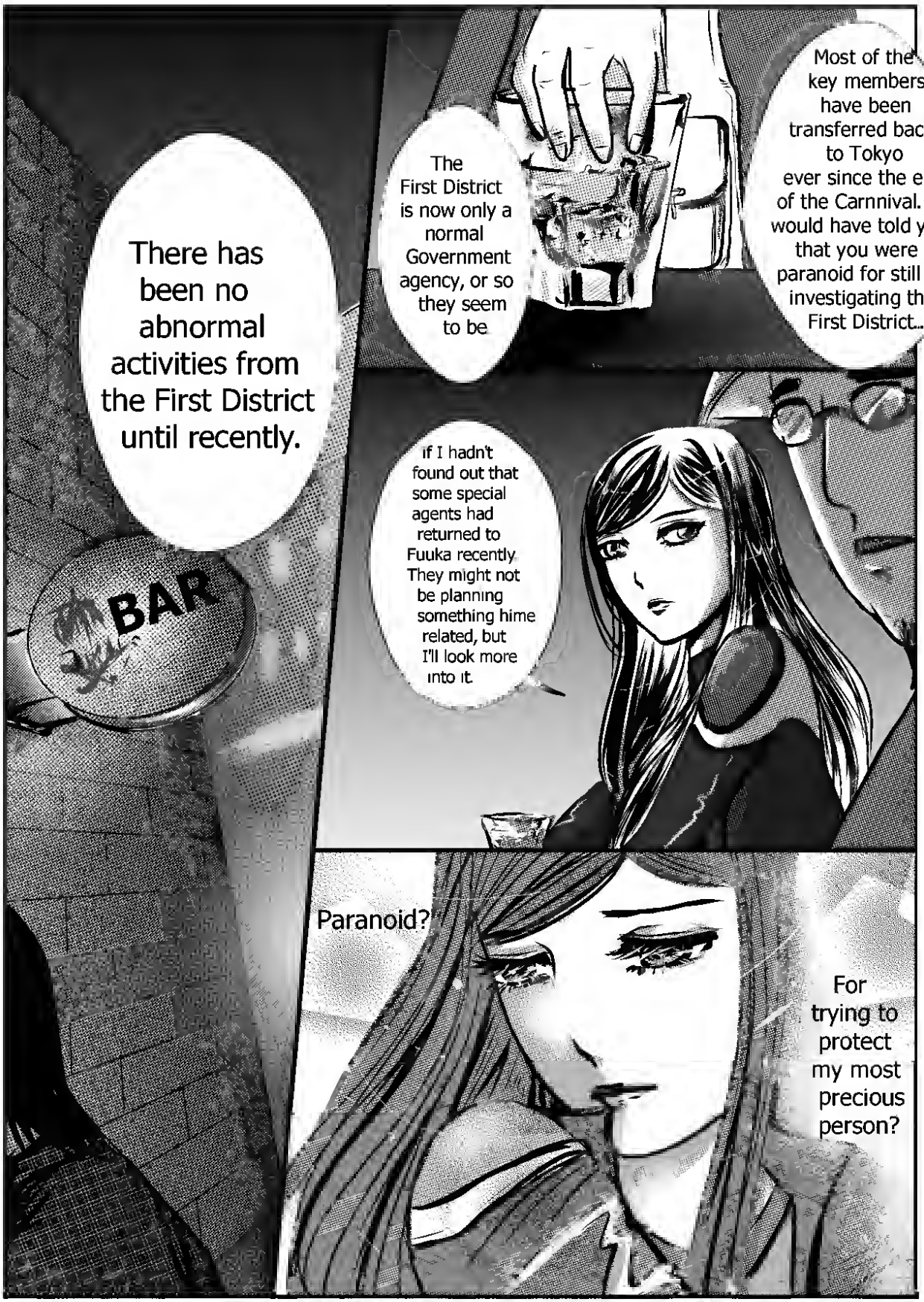
Chapter 3: Constant




There has been no abnormal activities from the First District until recently.
BAR
The First District is now only a normal Government agency, or so they seem to be.
Most of the key members have been transferred back to Tokyo ever since the end of the Carnnival. I would have told you that you were paranoid for still investigating the First District...
If I hadn't found out that some special agents had returned to Fuuka recently. They might not be planning something hime related, but I'll look more into it.
Paranoid?
For trying to protect my most precious person?

Members of the First District
Also revived
the exact moment we did
I have always been afraid of their vendetta against...
...SHIZURU
Ever since I had that dream again, I had been asking Yamada for help
I must tell Shizuru this information
But I'm afraid to see her
"Yes, I love her."
I'm so afraid to hear that confirmation from Shizuru.
Do you still love me Shizuru?
Yes. **Always.**
...Shizuru I...
...love you too.
NATSUKI...
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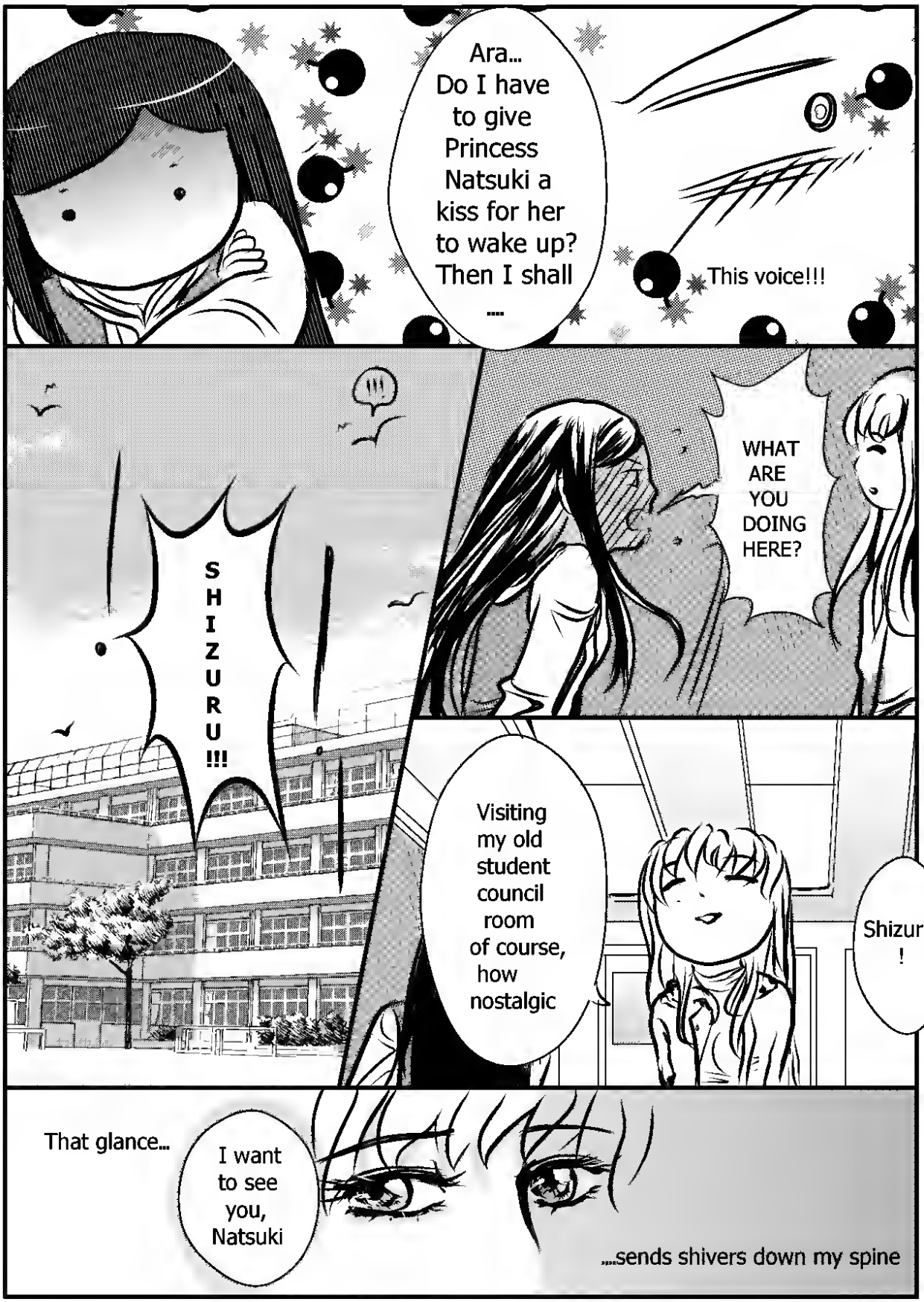
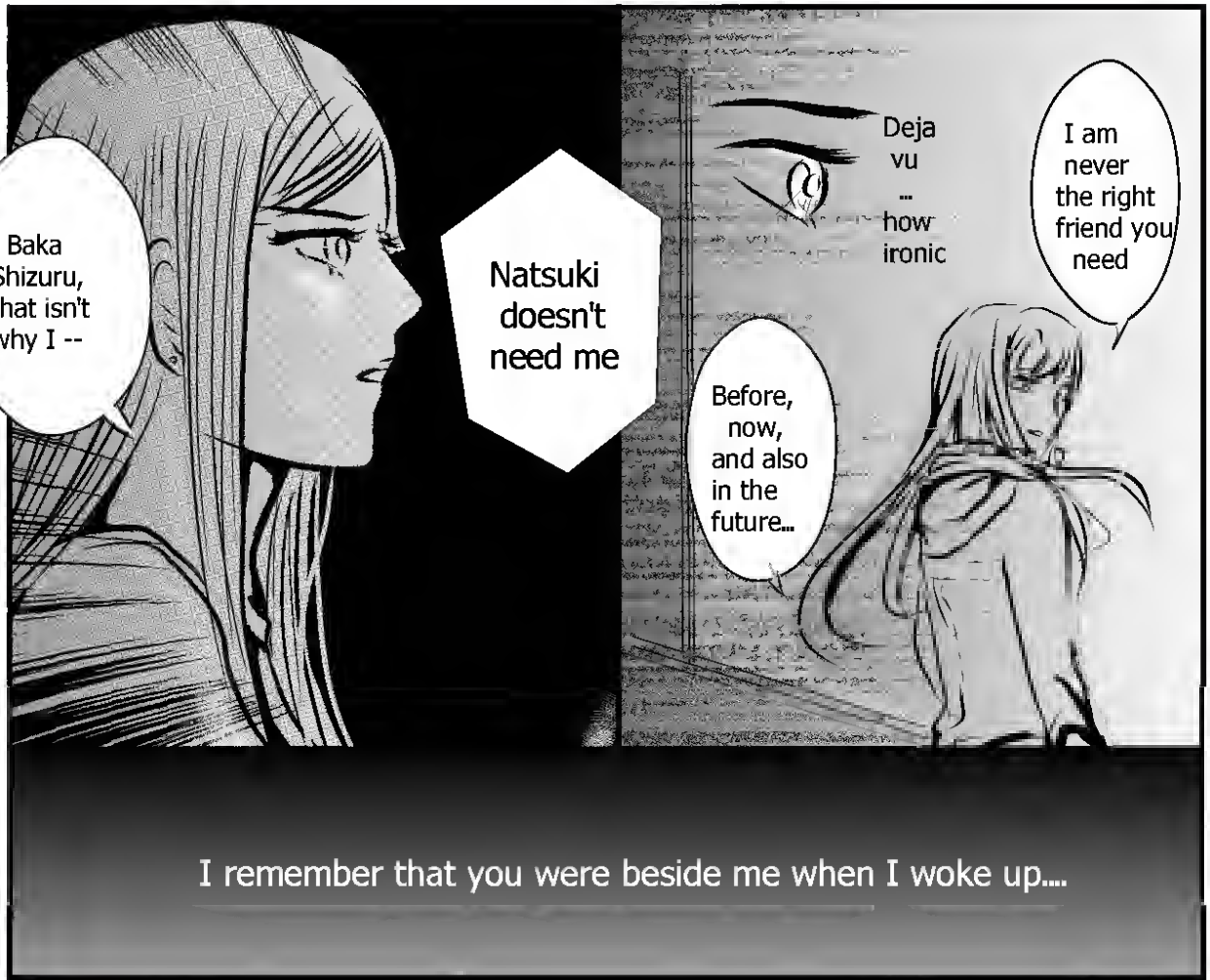
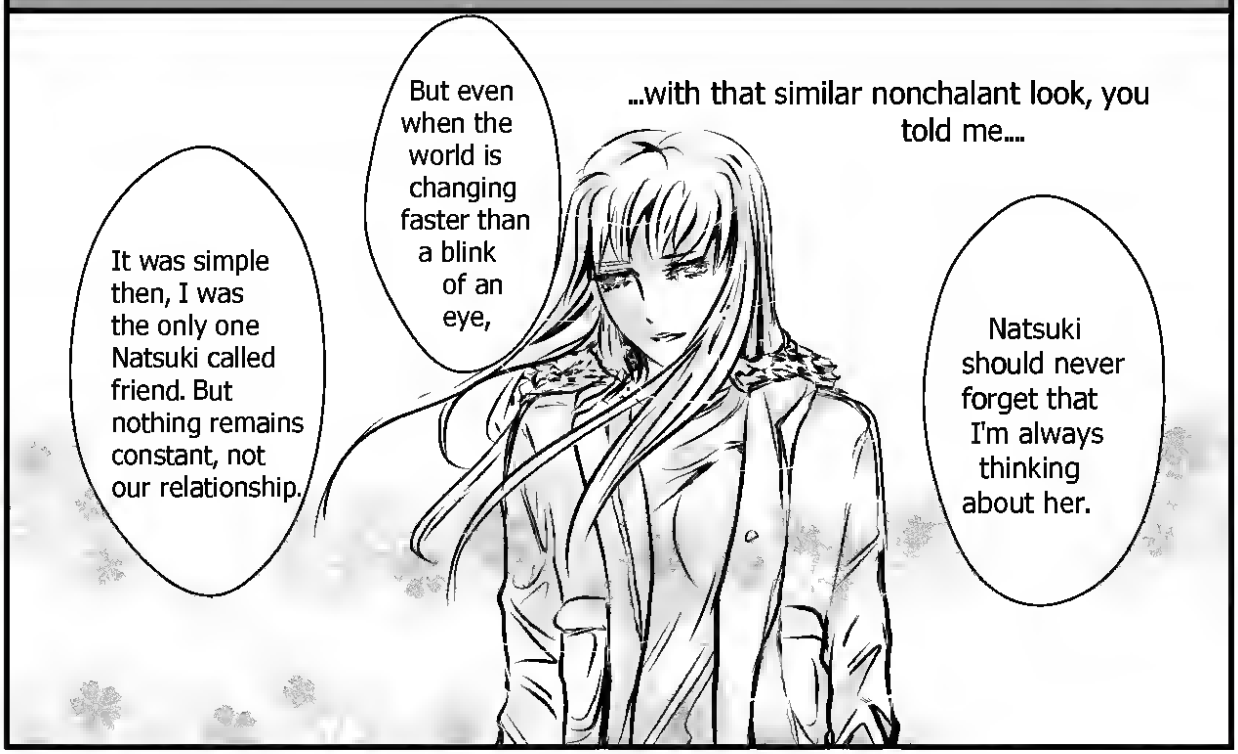
Shizuru's voice is soft and sweet
What a nice dream...


Ara... Do I have to give Princess Natsuki a kiss for her to wake up? Then I shall ....
This voice!!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SHIZURU !!!
Visiting my old student council room of course, how nostalgic
Shizuru !
That glance...
I want to see you, Natsuki
...sends shivers down my spine

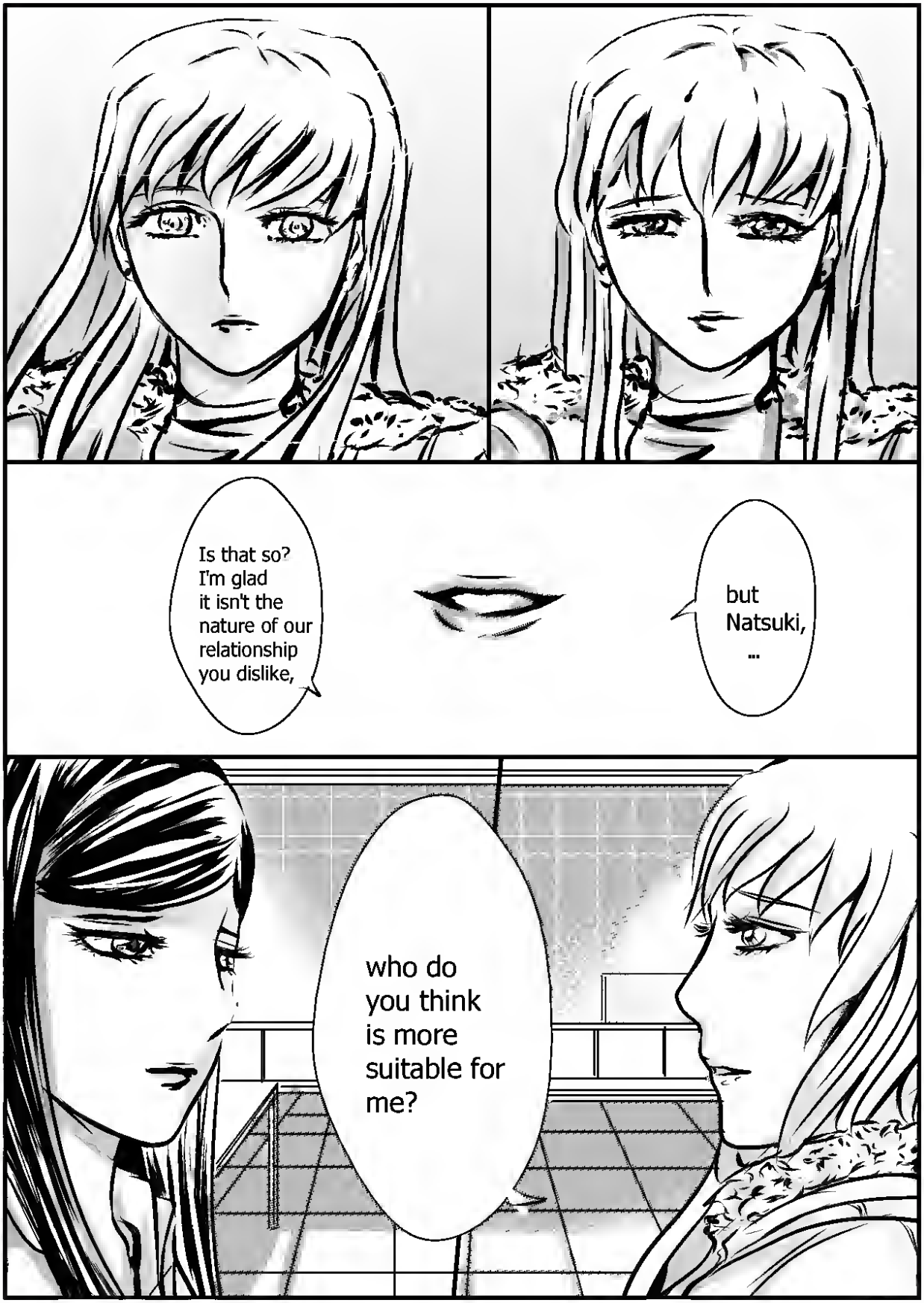
Something isn't right
Did Yukino-san give Natsuki free access to this room ?
Look at me, Shizuru.
Only during lunch time. If that's all you wanted to ask, then...
Hell, why is this so [illegible]
Natsuki has so many friends now, and there are Mai-san and Mikoto-chan who are always there for her...

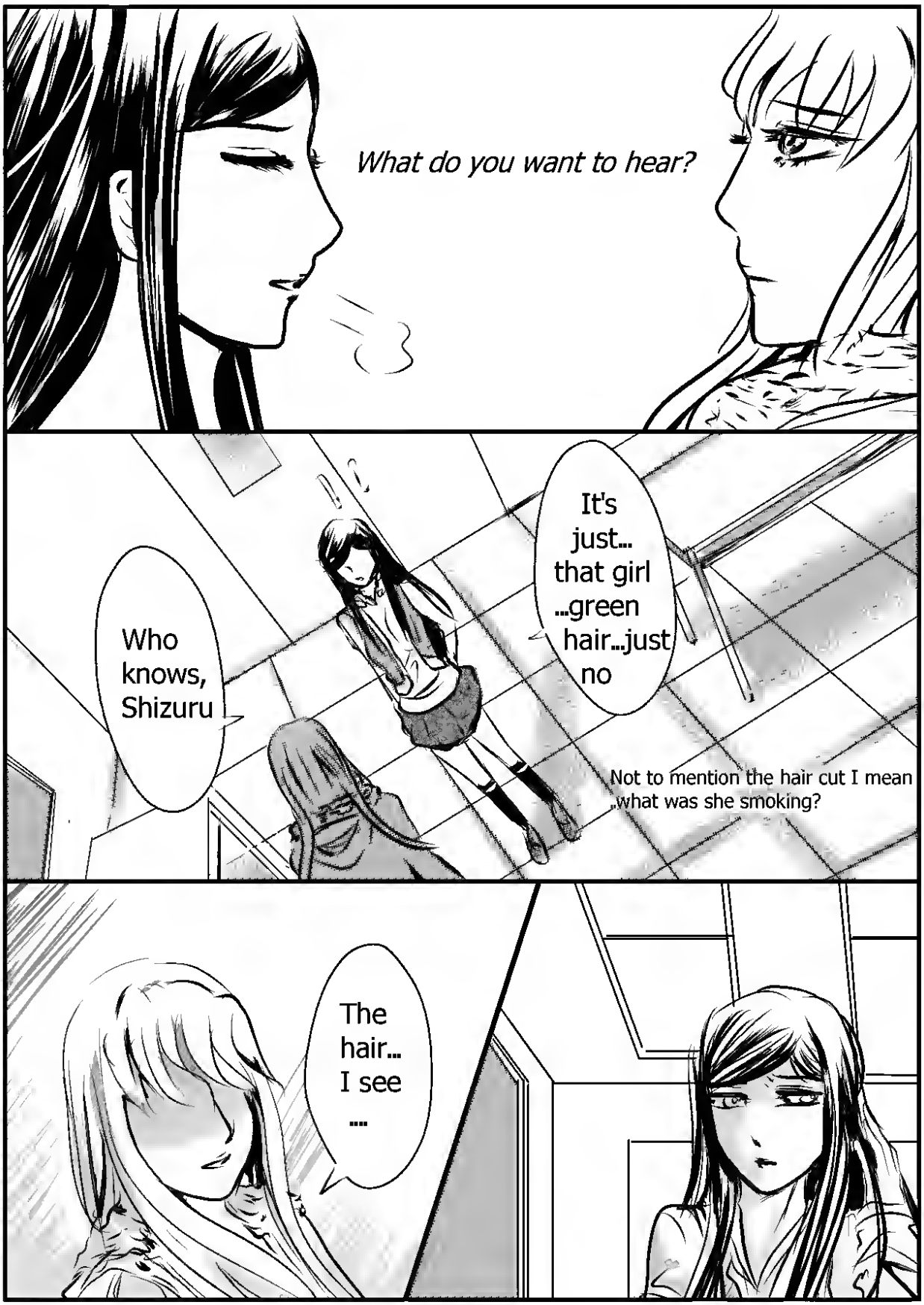

Baka Shizuru, that isn't why I --
Natsuki doesn't need me
Deja vu ... how ironic
I am never the right friend you need
Before, now, and also in the future...
I remember that you were beside me when I woke up....

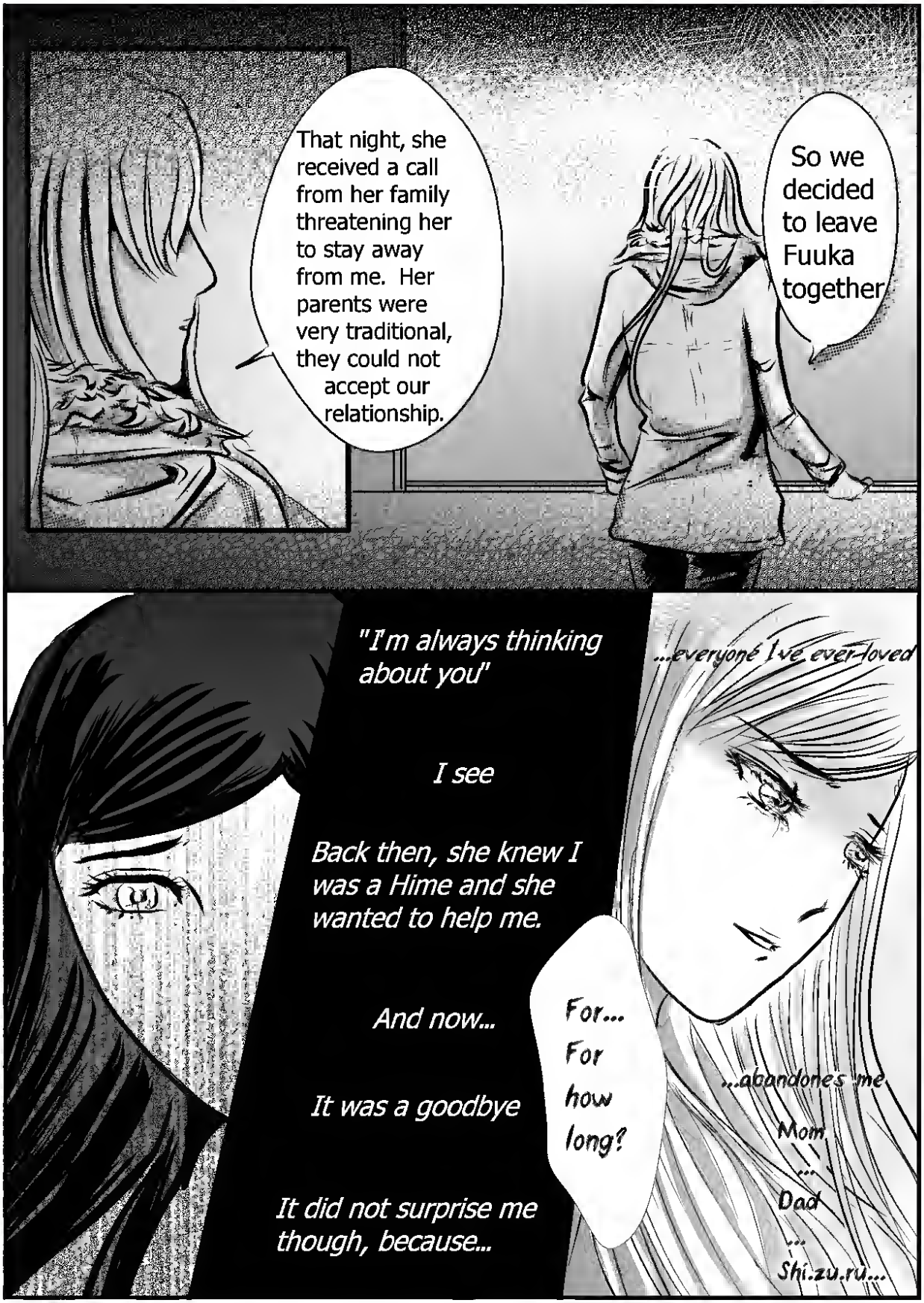

But even when the world is changing faster than a blink of an eye,
...with that similar nonchalant look, you told me....
It was simple then, I was the only one Natsuki called friend. But nothing remains constant, not our relationship.
Natsuki should never forget that I'm always thinking about her.

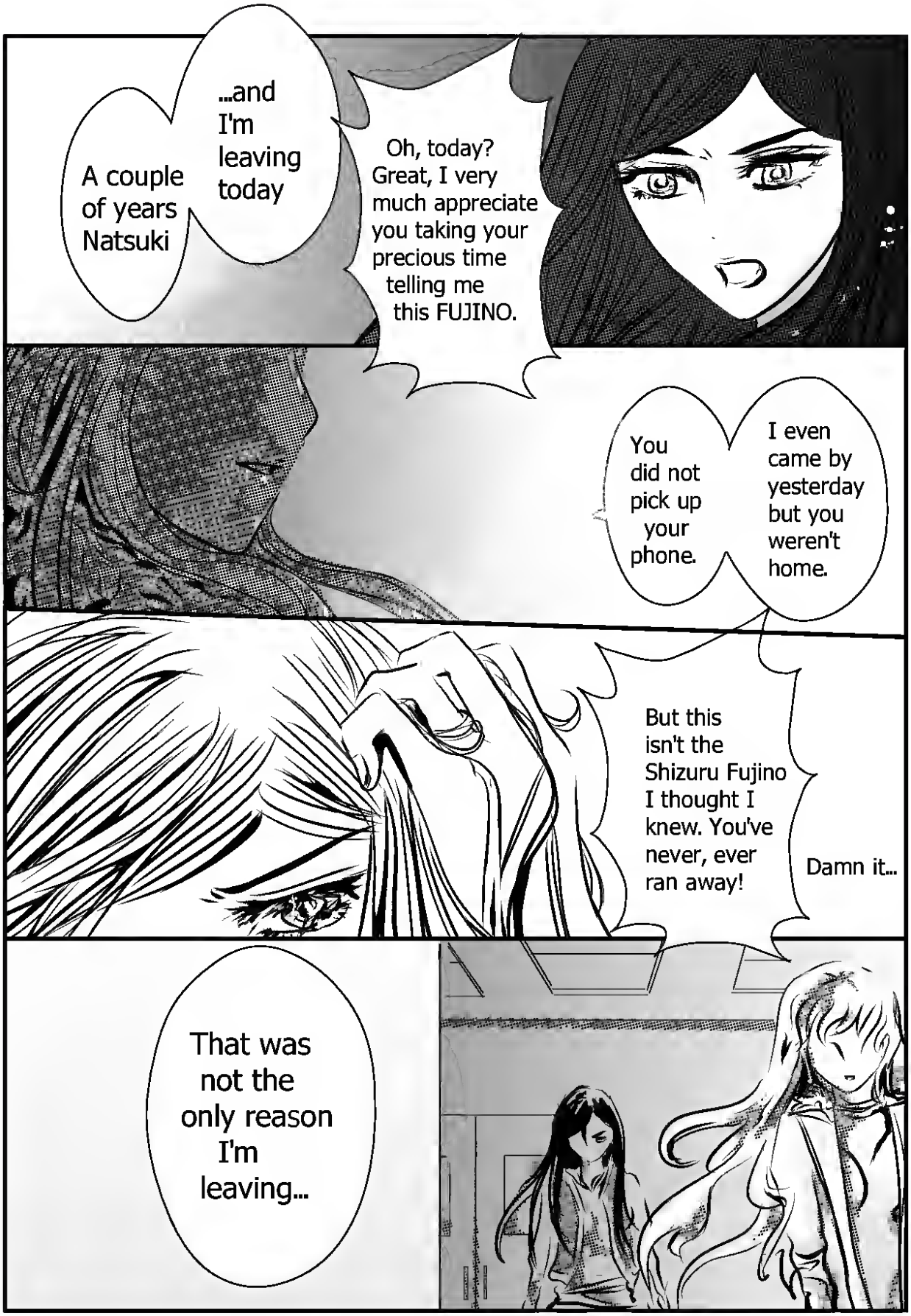
Why does it sound like a goodbye?
Was?
You saw us that night didn't you? Is that why you have been ignoring me? Did I disgust you again ?
Is it so aweful Natsuki? Knowing another girl was in love with you? Is homo-sexuality so revolting?
What the hell Shizuru? It's not true I do need you!
Isn't it funny?
How one simple word could kill me, again and again?
When will we stop hurting the ones we love?
When Shizuru?
Yes,
and, yes.

We are a messed up pair, aren't we?
We killed our most precious person... No, I killed both of us.
And now, your words hurt me more thant you'll ever know.
Have you even realized how much power you have over me?
It's true. I saw you, and I didn't like what I was seeing
But Shizuru... you love me...no more.
So I don't matter to you anymore, do I?
That girl... is not suitable for you Shizuru.

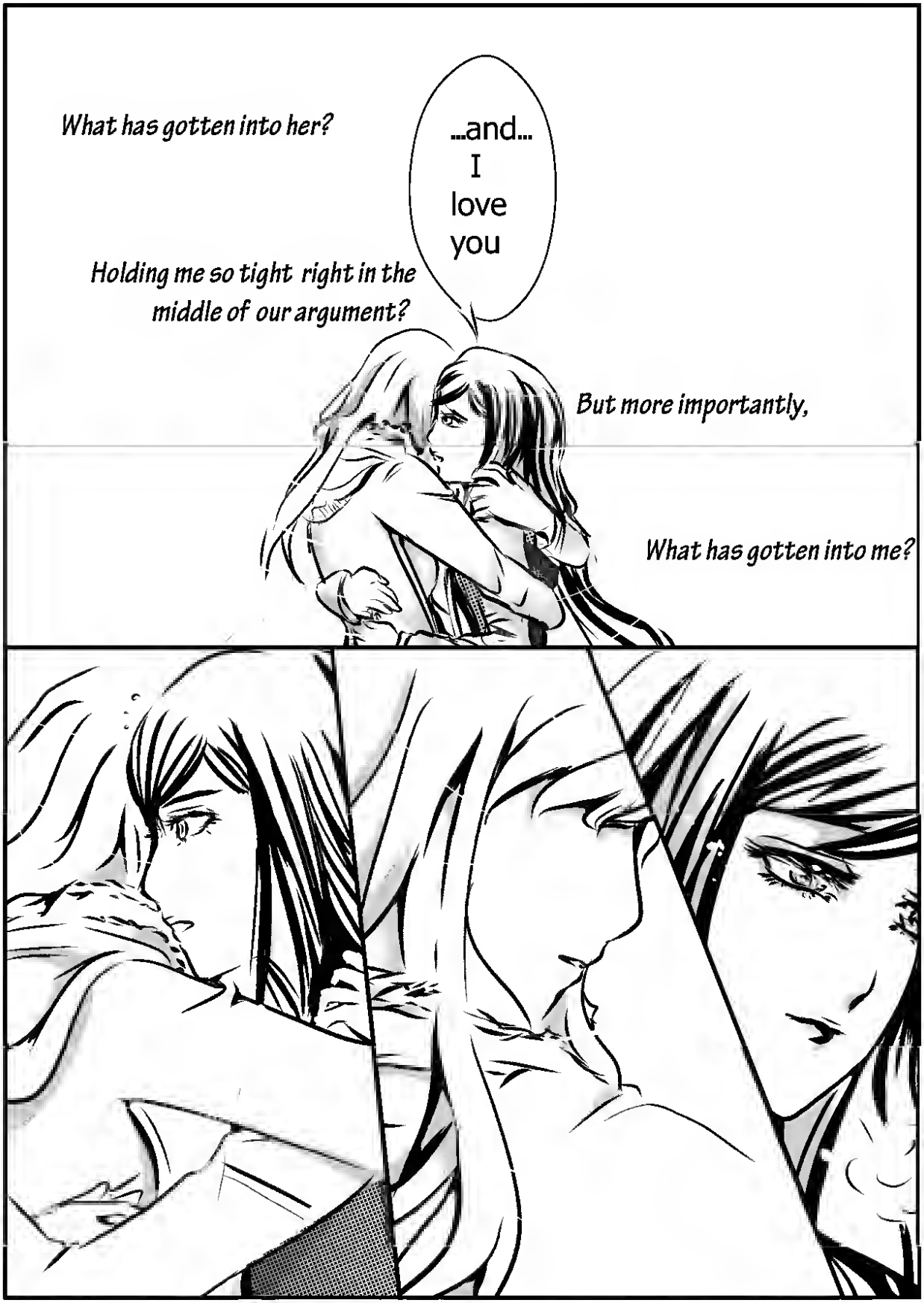

Is that so? I'm glad it isn't the nature of our relationship you dislike,
but Natsuki, ...
who do you think is more suitable for me?

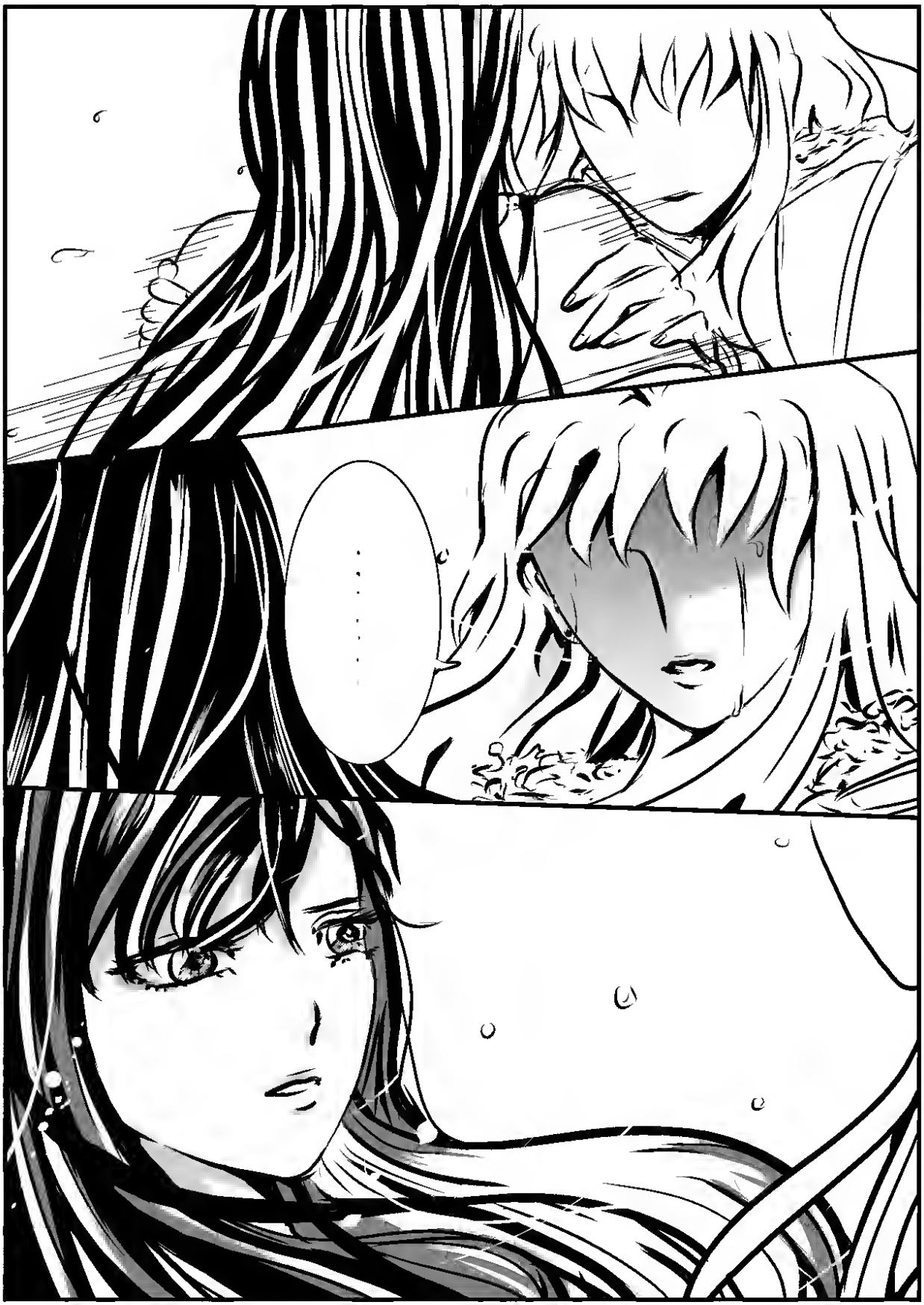

What do you want to hear?
It's just... that girl ...green hair...just no
Who knows, Shizuru
Not to mention the hair cut I mean what was she smoking?
The hair... I see ....

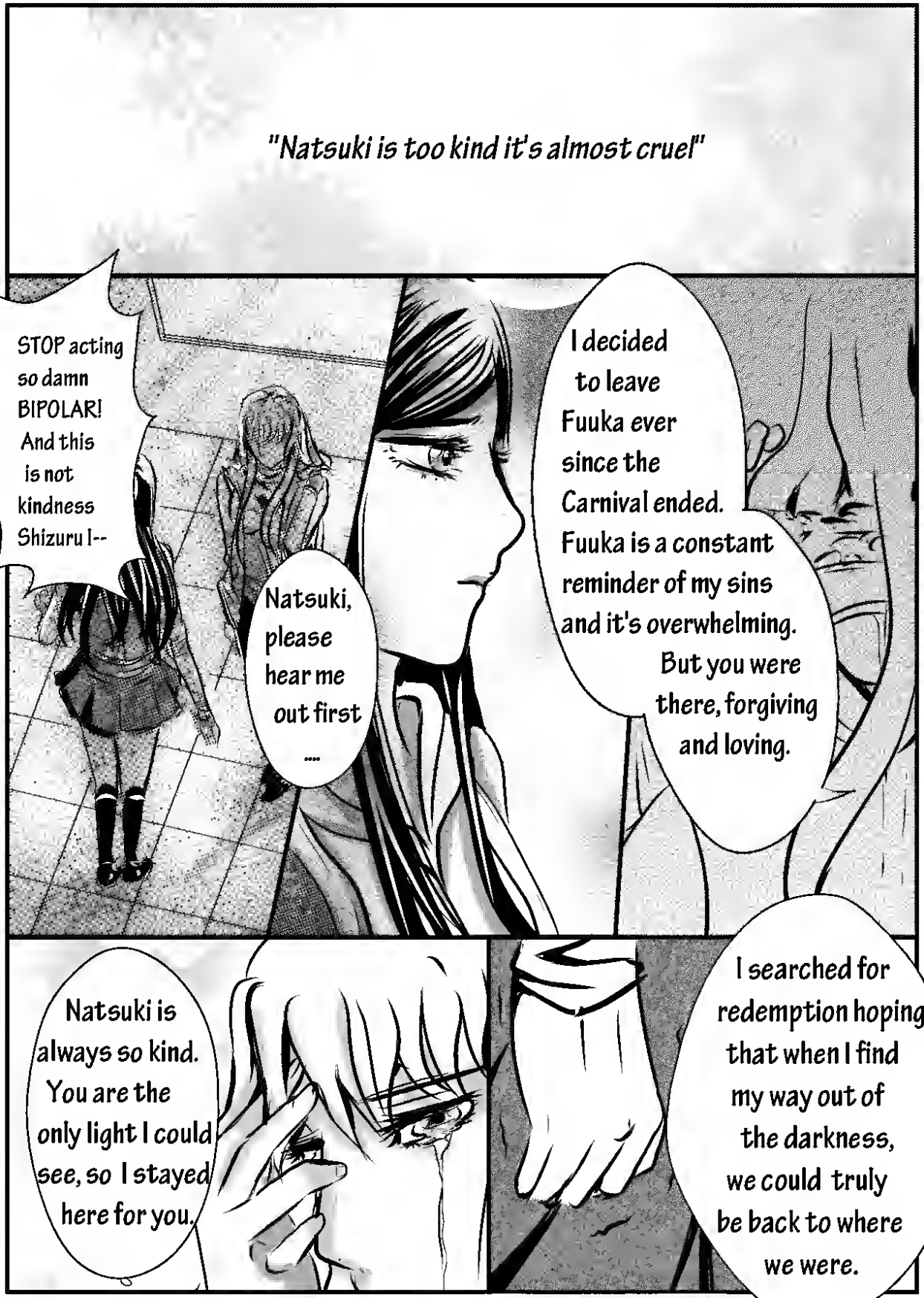

That night, she received a call from her family threatening her to stay away from me. Her parents were very traditional, they could not accept our relationship.
So we decided to leave Fuuka together
"I'm always thinking about you"
I see
Back then, she knew I was a Hime and she wanted to help me.
And now...
It was a goodbye
It did not surprise me though, because...
...everyone I've ever loved
For... For how long?
...abandones me.
Mom
...
Dad
...
Shi.zu.ru...


A couple of years Natsuki
...and I'm leaving today
Oh, today? Great, I very much appreciate you taking your precious time telling me this FUJINO.
You did not pick up your phone.
I even came by yesterday but you weren't home.
But this isn't the Shizuru Fujino I thought I knew. You've never, ever ran away!
Damn it...
That was not the only reason I'm leaving...

Shzzz...
I'll tell you everything in a minute, but now... please, my Natsuki, be still...
Then what was it ?
I should have pushed her away and forced her to go straight to the point
Shizuru, I don't want you to leave
But I prefer to stay like this...forever


What has gotten into her?
...and... I love you
Holding me so tight right in the middle of our argument?
But more importantly,
What has gotten into me?




"Natsuki is too kind it's almost cruel"
STOP acting so damn BIPOLAR! And this is not kindness Shizuru I--
Natsuki, please hear me out first ....
I decided to leave Fuuka ever since the Carnival ended. Fuuka is a constant reminder of my sins and it's overwhelming. But you were there, forgiving and loving.
Natsuki is always so kind. You are the only light I could see, so I stayed here for you.
I searched for redemption hoping that when I find my way out of the darkness, we could truly be back to where we were.

"But I was wrong"
You see, I wasn't lost in the darkness Natsuki, I am the darkness
We are nights and days I'll end up corrup--
So you're saying that you leave for my sakes aren"t you SHIZURU!
I'm the one to decide what's best for me, and it doesn't include you leaving Fuuka.
"Doesn't Natsuki know that I'm doing this for myself too?"
So this is it huh? You're miserable here, aren't you? With or without me.

I guess I knew it all along
that Shizuru was not happy here
I understand.
But I ignored it somehow...
...because I want her close.
I'll be back when I'm ready, I promise
And she's gone
Just like that
My heart is always with you, please never forget that
I think Shizuru misunderstood me when I told her I loved her.
It doesn't matter now
"If you love someone, set them free"
Yes
That stupid quote...
But Shizuru, Shizuru is...

"Why are you always following me?"
"Because I like you, Natsuki-san."
Shizuru is warm and light. When I fought with the Orphans, I knew that there was someone waiting for me, and that I needed to live. Shizuru...is home....
You are my constant.
I'm sorry Shizuru, I know you want to leave but just one more time
Please allow me to be selfish one more time. It doesn't matter if you no longer have feelings for me.
This time... I'll wait for you
So please stay, for my sake.
BANG
BANG

Red...Too much red

Shizuru!
I've been having nightmares about you
I've tried but I couldn't save you
I couldn't save you from falling.
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